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BRIDGES DEDICATED HONORING IYOTTE AND KAISER

Family and friends gathered June 22 in Aberdeen and June 24 in White River as South Dakota dedicated bridges honoring U.S. Army fallen heroes Private First Class Cy Kaiser and Sergeant Philip J. Iyotte.

The US HWY 12 Bridge south

of Lake Mina was dedicated to

PFC Kaiser and the Little White River Bridge on US HWY 83 was dedicated to SGT lyotte.

While serving with the 104th Infantry Division, Kaiser died a hero's death November 21, 1944, when he was killed in action in Germany.

lyotte was a member of Company E, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, assigned under 8th Army. He was declared missing in action on February 9, 1951, when he was captured by Chinese forces during Operation Thunderbolt. He died September 10, 1951, while a prisoner. His body was returned to the U.S. after

the war, but remained unidentified until 2017 when he was returned home to his family.









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SOUTH DAKOTA DEDICATES THREE MORE FALLEN HERO BRIDGES

On Saturday, July 1, South Dakota dedicated two bridges honoring fallen heroes. The Willow Creek Bridge

on East US HWY 212, near Watertown, was dedicated in honor of U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Second Class Charles T. Langenfeld. The James River Bridge on SD HWY 37, near Huron, will pay tribute to U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer II Scott A. Saboe.

Known to family and friends as Charlie or Chuck, Langenfeld was known to those serving with him in Vietnam as "Doc". On April 17, 1968, after a 77-day siege, described as some of the worst fighting in the Vietnam conflict, a standdown was called. Having spent 77 days without a bath, Langenfeld and his troops left Hill 861a to bathe in a stream nearby. On their way back to their base



camp, eight hours before Langenfeld was to leave for home, he was killed by enemy aerial mortar rounds.



While in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Saboe's Black-hawk helicopter was shot by enemy gunfire on November 15, 2003. While calling for assistance, another helicopter from the 101st Airborne Division collided with his aircraft, killing 17 of the 22 soldiers on board.

Freedom rang loudly this Fourth of July when the north-bound I-229 Bridge over S. Minnesota Avenue in Sioux Falls, was dedicated to U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Robb Rolfing.
Rolfing was killed June 30, 2007, by small arms fire while de-

ployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the Combined Joint Special

Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula.

Naming these South Dakota bridges in honor of these heroes gives us an opportunity of remembrance, reflection, respect, and gratitude. Dedicating these bridges is a small token to honor them and to reinforce that they will not be forgotten.

The men and women whose names appear on South Dakota bridges honor American soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen who served during troubled times. Their sacrifices need to be remembered.

SANFORD HEALTH MILITARY AND VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP

Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship is now available for taking applications. Four \$5,000 scholarships are awarded each year.

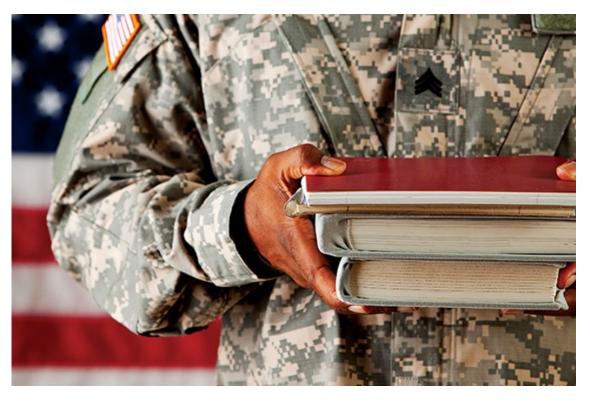
The Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship is awarded to any Veteran, Guard/Reserve, or active duty military service member who has demonstrated leadership and commitment in his/her community.



Award recipients must have demonstrated excep-

tional character and leadership in furthering their own progress and in enriching the lives of others, especially in service, academics, and community involvement.

The deadline for submitting all required paperwork and documentation is **September 30, 2023**. Applications will not be considered if documentation or paperwork is missing.



To learn more about, or apply for, the scholarship, please visit: https://news.sanfordhealth.org/veterans/sanford-health-offering-5000-scholarship-to-veterans/.

SDDVA UPDATE

Three new players have joined the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs team in the Sioux Falls Claims Office. Casey Brown and Amy Cagney will serve as veterans service officers and D.J. Montreal will serve as a field service officer along with southern I29 corridor.

Casey Brown retired from the Marine Corps after 22 years. He earned a Master's Degree in business administration from University of Phoenix and has worked in various marketing jobs and for MEPCOM administering the ASVAB test. He most recently served as a veterans service officer for the Texas Veterans Commission. Casey has been married for 23 years and has one son.



Dareus (D.J.) Montreal is a retired Army Veteran. He previously

served as a county veterans service officer in McCook County before working for the Department of the Army as a security specialist. He then continued in federal employment with the

Food and Drug Administration. He has been married 20 years and has two sons and a daughter.

Amy Cagney is a new VSO who grew up in Harrisburg and

previously worked as an office and billing manager for a private practice therapy group. She spent four years in the US Navy as an aircrew survival equipmentman and earned an AS degree in medical assisting and a BS degree in Health Services Administration from Colorado Technical University. She is married and has four children.

Please join SDDVA in welcoming Casey, DJ , and Amy to our team.





SDDVA PARTICIPATES IN NUMEROUS OUTREACH EVENTS

Patriot Alley is a popular stopping spot during the community of Custer's Fourth of July celebration. Patriot Alley is a one stop shop location that hosts several veterans organizations and partners that assist military personnel, veterans, and their families.

South Dakota Department of Veteran Affairs, the VA Mobile Vet Center, Midwest Honor Flight, The American Legion, and Upward Bound were some of this year's partners.

SDDVA Field Service Officer Will Huffmon and Custer County Veterans Service Officer Todd Fish manned the SDDVA booth.

Huffmon also hosted a booth at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Annual Pow Wow. Both he and Oglala County Veterans Service Officer Jerlene Arredondo and Oglala Sioux Tribal

Veterans Service
Officer Shawnee Red
Bear were on hand to
visit with veterans on
benefits they may be
eligible for.

Outreach events afford SDDVA the opportunity to help

veterans go from service to success. We can assist them in managing

their journey with the VA.











Did you serve in the military? YES

Are you actively using your VA Health Care Benefit? NO

Do NOT assume anything! So many changes to eligibilities are opening doors to VA health care!



PACT Act Awareness Open House

Enroll for VA health care, Get Your Toxic Exposure Screening, and File a Claim

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 380 West Anchor Drive Dakota Dunes, SD 57049



Scan QR Code to learn more about the PACT Act and what to bring.

Veterans, Veteran families, caregivers, survivors, and advocates are invited to attend

No appointments needed



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Sioux Center, IA 51250

Find out more about our program: midwesthonorflight.org/wreaths



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 7—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—SP5 Samuel J. Jorgensen—Community Center—(112 N. Main Street)—Chamberlain—2:00 pm (CT)
- Jul 11—VA PACT Act Awareness Open House—CBOC—(380 W. Anchor Drive)—Dakota Dunes—3:00—6:00 pm (CT)
- Jul 17—Tee it Up for the Troops—Arrowhead Country Club—Rapid City—8:00 am (MT)
- Jul 19—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—Rosalies—(9 8th Avenue E)—Sisseton—9:00 am (CT)
- Jul 20—Rosebud Sioux Tribe Veterans Stand Down—Sinte Gleska University—(101 Antelope Circle)—Mission—10:00 am (CT)
- Jul 22—1st Annual Wings of Valor Poker Run—Wings of Valor—(45618 278th Street)—Parker—11:00 am (CT)
- Jul 28-29—"Last Out" production—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
- Jul 29-30—Sioux Falls Air Show
- Jul 29—Korean War/Defense Veterans Appreciation Day—Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center— (2810 22nd Avenue S)—Brookings—9:00 am to 3:00 pm (CT)
- Aug 6—American Legion Riders Post 71 Annual Fall River Freedom Ride—Begins at Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home—(2500 Minnekahta Avenue)—Hot Springs—9:00 am (MT)
- Aug 8—VA PACT Act Benefits and Healthcare Drive—Armory at the SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1700 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am to 1:30 pm and 4:00 to 6:30 pm (CT)
- Aug 10-11—South Dakota Suicide Prevention Conference—Sioux Falls Convention Center
- Aug 19—SFVAHCS Show and Shine
- Aug 26—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—LTC Gordon J. Lippman—St. Rose of Lima Community Hall— (305 Pine Street)—Hill City—2:00 pm (MT)
- Aug 27—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—SP5 John P. Beckers—VFW (Main Street)—Burke—2:00 pm (CT)
- Aug 28—Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight
- Aug 31—Veterans Day at the SD State Fair
- Aug 31—Sept 4—SD State Fair
- Sep 2—727th/DAV Poker Run—Dacotah Bank Center—(824 32nd Avenue)—Brookings—10:00 am (CT)
- Sep 4—State Offices Closed
- Sep 5—7—SDDVA Annual Benefit School—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
- Sep 13-16—Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon
- Sep 16—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—LT Peter H. Monfore—Community Hall—(605 8th Street)— Springfield—2:00 pm (CT)
- Sep 20—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—Rapid City
- Sep 26—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 16
- Oct 7—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—WO1 Roger S. Cameron—Community Building—(311 W. Main)—Pierpont—1:30 pm (CT)
- Oct 7—DAV Fall Conference—DAV Headquarters—Sioux Falls
- Oct 9—State Offices Closed
- Oct 10—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 17
- Oct 14—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—1LT Thomas M. Martin—Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—10:00 am (CT)
- Oct 21—Elvis Night/50's Dance Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 4—Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair—Sturgis Community Center—11:00 am—2:00 pm (MT)

Nov 10—State Offices Closed

Nov 13—Barrel House Day of Giving for SDVC Wreaths Across America

Nov 15—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—Sioux Falls

Nov 23—State Offices Closed

Dec 16—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux

Falls—11:00 am (CT)

Dec 25—State Offices Closed

2024 Events

Jan 10—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—Pierre

Feb 16—18—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Deadwood

Jun 20—23—American Legion State Conference—Pierre

Dec 14—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls— 11:00 am (CT)

2025 Events

Feb 14—16—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Oacoma

Jun 19—22—American Legion State Conference—Huron

Dec 13—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls— 11:00 am (CT)

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